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SHALE PROMISES OR SHALE SPIN? THE ECONOMICS BEHIND HYDROFRACKING

Public Forum with Economist Deborah Rogers And Concerned Local Elected Officials

WATKINS GLEN, NY –The Coalition to Protect New York are pleased to join with People for a Healthy Environment, Inc. and Committee to Preserve the Finger Lakes to bring Deborah Rogers to Central New York to speak about her research into the economic forces behind hydrofracking and shale gas exploration. Why is there such a push to drill when natural gas prices are at a historic low and the US has a surplus of supply? A resident of Fort Worth, TX, Deborah has experienced the development of the Barnett Shale first-hand, leading her to take a close look at this industry.

WHEN: 7 – 9 p.m. on Saturday, January 21, 2011

WHERE: Big Flats Community Center
476 Maple Street, Big Flats, NY 14814

The Forum is FREE to all.

Deborah Rogers was featured in the June 2011 New York Times article ["Insiders Sound an Alarm Amid a Natural Gas Rush"](#). She recently launched Energy Policy Forum (EPF) as the pre-eminent web site and blog for discussing the complex problems inherent in shale gas development. EPF provides a comprehensive meeting ground where geologists and experts from different fields (science, environmental and finance/economics) can educate each other about the economic discrepancies and environmental dangers that surround shale gas drilling.

Ms. Rogers has served on the Advisory Council for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas since 2008. In 2011 she was appointed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to a task force reviewing placement of air monitors in the Barnett Shale region. Her appointment was in response to air quality concerns brought about by the natural gas operations in North Texas. She joined a regional steering committee for the Oil and Gas Accountability Project (OGAP) in 2011 with the responsibility of addressing economic questions.

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